— Special Section For Youth Created

"Young Virginians"

The Times-Virginian invites young people in the Appomattox area to bring in for publication poems, short stories, opinions on issues, etc. that they have written. Bring your article to the **Times-Virginian** office on Court Street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"A Rose Among Thorns"

I held a rose today.
I inhaled its sweet fragrance,
I touched its silky petals,
I pricked my finger on its thorn.

It stung for a while.
I could easily have become angry,
but its fragrance drifted to my nose
and I noticed again the beauty of it - -
this rose in my hand.

It reminded me of Someone.
Reminded me of my dearest, dearest friend.
He is the cause of all my joy,
my laughter,
my talents,
my goals achieved,
my "happy" tears.

I whisper a prayer, and
He hears me.
I ache, and He comforts me.
I yearn for company,
and He is always here.
He is my ever-present guide,
He never lets me down.

He never ceases to love me,
my dearest, dearest friend,
Jesus Christ, my rose
among the inevitable thorns.
By Rhonda Nash
Rt. 1, Appomattox
Age 17, Senior - ACHS

For Mom and Dad

Though I don't often say it,
and I realize we don't express it - -
in words,
I'd like to take this moment
to thank you
for your love and guidance.

Thank you also for the sunshine
you've put into my life.
You often hear the words:
You never know how much you love someone
until they're gone.
And I know now
just how much . . . I love you.
By Rhonda Nash, 17
Senior - ACHS

The Garden

By Elaine Wilson

The roar of a tractor breaks the
stillness
Of the morning.
Onward down the road
Worn by such monsters as this
Going to foul nature's pattern.
Blinding swords of orange and
gold
Turn tender-as-a-baby's skin
to tanned leather.
Suddenly, you see your spot
Two hills over.
Ride
Ride on, but don't fall off.
Those ruts
No, they're not bottomless pits,
Only gullies.
You arrive.
Was that only two hills?
Two more eternal hours and
and then you will have made
your mark.
On looking back, you see rows
Brown and as neat as
the ribbing of corduroy.
Now gather your weapons,
Gouge holes in the face of sweet
Mother Earth
Then infect them with parts of
herself
New to open wounds.
"What is this?!" the grand lady
cries
"This is not the sweet milk
which flows from my bosom!"
Guilt overcomes you as you
realize
Chemicals which aid the
parasitic growth of plants
Are not delightful to your dear
mother.
Quickly you close the wounds
With your mother's skin.
Then run.
For three months you're
hunted,
And then return
Slowly kicking orange stones
on the familiar road
Only to arrive and find a rusted
monster
And a paradise of green.

Time

By Elaine Wilson

Aging by the second,
Growing by the day,
Leaving memories to haunt you
Knowing that they may.
Entering the future
the past and present left behind.
The future becomes the present,
Enhancing soul and mind.
Breaking ties with the past,
Soon to be forgotten.
Go through it again?
Never,
I've learned by now,
My lessons of life.
Time won't stand still,
Nothing can withhold forever,
Nothing on this earth I know,
Nothing which I cherish.
All my thoughts, hopes, and
passions of today,
Will soon be stored,
As tomorrow's yesterday.

Roadway

By Elaine Wilson

Racing,
Faster -
Faster -
Lines passing beneath you
Run together so broken and
solid
Appear alike.
Blue smoke
Mingled with silver paint
Looks heavenly,
But
Noise ruins the effect.
Like an atom bomb's mush-
room,
The appearance is beautiful
But the truth is cruel.
For beneath the cloud of silver
and blue
Lies the wreckage of reality.
My life speeds before me like
the road
And I don't know, see, or feel
the difference
Between good
And bad.
My speed is like that of light-
Uncontrolled.
Clues lie unobserved,
As I carelessly cruise by,
Radio blaring,
Like the noise of my thoughts-
Confused.
Storms of rain
Throw droplets of water
Onto my windshield
Only to be pushed aside
Like my duties
Made to wait until tomorrow.
I forget others
As I realize
This is my life,
Not theirs.

Fourth Graders Study Famous People

The pupils in Mrs. Christine Knight's 4th grade at Appomattox Elementary School are studying about famous persons in history. Tracy Woods is shown making a report on her book about George Washington. Tracy chose to dress as Martha Washington, one of the characters in her book. Listening with interest are, right to left, Carolyn Harris (a new student from Texas), Berri Anderson, Cathy Johnson, Terry Guthrie, Susan Hart, and Troy Bell.

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Evergreen Ruritans Plan Halloween Party

The Evergreen Ruritan Club will have its annual Community Halloween Party on October 30, 1979.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be sold from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be cake walks, auctions and other entertainments.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending October 7, 1979. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	4,590.82
Amelia	3,733.76
Amherst	2,779.36
Appomattox	7,214.95
Bedford-County	2,231.51
Buckingham	15,300.35
Campbell	6,787.87
Charlotte	2,641.36
Cumberland	7,810.53
	1,909.51
Goochland	1,252.29
Halifax	295.89
Nelson	5,671.03
Pittsylvania	1,717.14
Powhatan	1,086.14
Prince Edward	11,718.35
Prince William	294.43
Rockbridge	274.30
	77,309.59

We feel this information is of interest to readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

Young Hearts Club To Meet

The Young Hearts Club will meet on Thursday, October 25th at 10:30 A.M. at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

All members are urged to make plans to attend this meeting. Bring your sandwich and drinks will be furnished.

Zion Baptist

October 7

For with God nothing shall be impossible. St. Luke 1:37.

The regular preaching service was held at the Zion Baptist Church and the Senior Choir rendered beautiful music with Mr. Allen at the piano. Also our pastor elect, Rev. Charles Lewis delivered a beautiful Sermon, "Following Jesus" which everyone enjoyed.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet on next Sunday, October 14, 1979 at the church with Mrs. Mary Hayes as hostess at 2 pm.

The Men's Chorus of the Zion Baptist Church will have a program at the church on October 14, 1979 at 4 o'clock with special guest "The Echoes of Glory".

All of the sick are improving slowly except Mrs. Magnolia Wallace is in the Lynchburg General Hospital and Mr. Oscar Patterson is very ill in a hospital in Richmond, Va.

Our prayers go out for the sick and shut-ins where ever they might be.

Rev. Charles Lewis has been elected the Pastor at the Zion Baptist Church. We thank God for sending us this pastor.

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